

6-15/44. The nicotine delivery system of claim 43, wherein the nicotine carrier comprises a porous polymer plug charged with a nicotine free-base.

6-16/45. The nicotine delivery system of claim 44, wherein the porous plug is formed of polyethylene.

6-17/46. The nicotine delivery system of claim 43, wherein said access means includes a selectively penetrable portion attached to the carrier by means of a nicotine-impermeable seal.

6-18/47. The nicotine delivery system of claim 43, wherein the container is tubular in shape and said access means and said differential pressure means includes penetrable seals at opposite ends of the container.

A1 6-19/48. The nicotine delivery system of claim 43, wherein the container is formed at least in part of a polymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate.

6-20/49. The nicotine delivery system of claim 48, wherein said access means is formed of an aluminum foil coated with a copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate.

6-21/50. The nicotine delivery system of claim 49, wherein the coating of copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate is heat sealed to the container.

6-22/51. The nicotine delivery system of claim 43, wherein the carrier is maintained in inert gas.

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-- 52. The nicotine delivery system of claim 51, wherein  
said inert gas is nitrogen. --

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Claim 12, line 14, after "atmosphere" add -- and maintained in  
an effectively oxygen-free environment --;

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

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17. (Once Amended) The cartridge of claim 12, wherein [the  
nicotine-impermeable barrier comprises forming] said housing is  
formed of a copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate.

Claim 18/line 1, change "12" to -- 17 --.

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19. (Once Amended) The cartridge of claim 18, wherein  
the aluminum foil includes a coating on at least one side of a  
copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate with said coating  
being heat sealed to the housing.

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20. (Once Amended) The cartridge of claim 12, wherein [the  
nicotine-impermeable barrier comprises covering] said cartridge  
housing is covered with a layer of aluminum foil.

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21. (Once Amended) The cartridge of claim 20, wherein the  
aluminum foil includes a coating on at least one side of a  
copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate with said coating  
being heat sealed to the housing.

Please cancel claim 22, without prejudice.

Claim 23, line 1, change "22" to -- 12 --.